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WEYLER WORSTED

a Comparative Statement From the Other Side,

HS "PACIFICATION" POLICY

In the District of Pinar Del Rio Doesn't Pan Out

ACCORDING TO LATEST NEWS

From That District, Which Has Escaped Emasculated Consorably of the Spanish Spice, There are Enough Troops There to Hustlathe "Butcher"-A Big Surprise tu stere for Him if He Tries to Return to Mayana-The Smallpox Plague.

Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press, HAVANA, via Key West, Fla., Feb. -The various reports and statements f Captain-General Weyler, announce ng the pacification of the province Pipar del Rio, and the almost complete sappearance of the insurgents in that part of the island, are far from ing borne out by facts. As intimael in these dispatches when the Spansh commander made the remarks cited Pinar del Rio was as quiet as he aleged it to be, what has become of the rms, horses, ammunition and stores, sc. of the 7,000 men whom he admit-

ted were under arms there?

As a matter of fact, the insurgent forces in Pinar del Rio seem better off, more thoroughly equipped, and disciplined than at any previous stage of he campaign. In support of this assertion the following statements have been gathered from the most reliable sources:

ources: in the neighborhood of Catalina and as Cuevas are the insurgent leaders arona Rivero and Luis Perez, with bout 1,200 men, well armed and hav-ing plenty of ammunition, though poor-

the zone of Jacula and Mula is

six hundred meh. Lazo is wounded in the districts of Bayas, Rio del Medio, Mangnacos, Pena Rianca and Pan de Axuaca are various groups of issurgents with a total of over five hundred men, under Vidal Duvasi. At the heights of Gobernadora and the Serra del Rosario, the insurgents are under the command of Brigadler General Ruis Rivero and the leaders, Jose Manuel Barrio, and Perico Delgado. They consist of infantry and some cavalry, estimated to number about eight handred men. red men. Saroa is a force of insurgents

Al Baroa is a fort. Nunez, however, is also said to be wounded.
At the Loma Heights in the Torro fermudas band and at Bayate and in the districts of Ponta Brava are the insurgents under Garraga and Lucas

inargents under Garraga and Lucas Martines.

The insurgent leader, Federico Nuner is at Las Mangas and near Arabia la Carlota, and at Artemisa, are insurgent forces under Loru.

The forces alone, those of the known leaders of the insurgents in the field, are estimated to number about 5,000 men, and yet the Captain-General calims that Pinar del Rio is "pacified." In addition to these forces is a strong body of insurgents, which seems to have mysteriously disappeared from the zeighborhood of Havana. The whereabouts of this force is attracting much estimate that a big surprise is being prepared for Captain General Weyler when he tries to return to Havana.

Owing to the campaign of La Lucha thousands of persons are being vaccinised aligh throughout the entire province.

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In spite of this, it is asserted, abou In spite of this, it is asserted, about 5,000 cases of smallpox exist in Hevana, and during the last four days thirty persons, or 8 per cent of the entire mortality, have died from this disease. During the month of January at Jaruco alone, out of 262 deaths, 317 were due to smallpox.

All the rumors published about prominent home rulers and former leaders

All the rumors published above published above published in the ten years' war being engaged in treating for peace are entirely without foundation, and are only inspired by the Diario de la Marina, and perhaps reproduced by some of the correspond-

statements to the contrary, it that the insurgents expect in the long run to win something more tangible than the "reforms" proposed by the Spanish government. The Spaniards here, it cannot be denied, are heartily sick of the war, excepting only those who gre without money or property and who actually make a better-living than they ever did before or could hope to do again if peace is proclaimed.

As this dispatch is sent, it has become known that some of the most prominent of the home rule leaders here, after conculting together over the reforms projected in Cuba, succeeded in sending a cable message to the Madrid sovernment requesting the latter to con-

sending a cable message to the Madrid sovernment requesting the latter to con-siderably radically amplify the reform scheme, adding that under its present form there is absolutely no chance of its meeting the wishes of the insurgent leaders and bringing about the pacifi-cation in Cuba.

ANOTHER BUSY DAY

For the Prosident-Elect—No New Cabinet News Divulged. CANTON, Ohlo, Feb. 9.—This has been another busy day for Major Mc-Kinky and his time has been fully occooled all day with callers, examining vering telegrams and letters.

library was filled with callers all the morning, but at noon nearly all had their "social call" and "personal chat" with the President-elect and departed The most prominent visitor of to-day was Hon. C. P. Bell, chairman of the mangural committee at Washington. He arrived on the 10:29 Fort Wayne train and was met by Altorney James J. Grant, vice president of the Citizen's reception committee and H. H. Kuhns, of the Harford, house, He was driven to the hotel and at 11:20 had a conference with the President-elect. conference with the President-elect When seen at the hotel by the Associa-ted Press representative, Chairman Bell said he desired to talk with Ma-ley McKluley before he said anything for publication.

w York, came here from Cleveland an afternoon train. He says he is t here concerning the cabinet and at he does not expect. New York to we a member. He declined to state mission to the Associated Press Concentration.

You can say in regard to my visit at the lime, that I did not come to Canbon in the interest of any one in the cabinet. I came at the result of a say one in the cabinet.

very prominent New York Republican whose name I do not wish to state, to talk to Major McKinley about a certain-matter. No. I am not at liberty to say what it is."

Mr. Saxton said that he did not be-lieve New York would be represented in the cabinet since Cornelius N. Bliss had been eliminated.

He said that should the President-elect decide to appoint a New York man he believed that General Woodford would be the most acceptable man for that position.

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Mr. Saxton left for Cleveland, where he will be the guest of Nathonal Chair-man Hanna, leaving for New York in the morning.

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CLEVELAND, Feb. 2.—Gen. Horace A. Porter, of New York, who is to act as grand marshal at the inauguration ceremonies of President-elect McKinley, was among the more prominent callers at the office of Mr. M. A. Hanna this morning. Later, at the Union club, General Porter, National Chairman Hanna and Col. George A. Garretson, chairman of the committee on inaugural transportation, held a long conference. Plans for the transportation of the presidential party, the parade and other inaugural ceremonies were discussed in detail. General Porter stated that everything in connection with the matter was progressing finely; that the guarantee fund hau all been pledged and the occasion promised to compare favorably, if not surpass anything of its kind previously taking place.

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General Porter said that he would go to Canton simply to discuss some matters periadning to the inaugural ceremonies with the President-elect and that so far as he knew no reference would be made to cabinet matters. It is understood that Chairman Hanna, will go to Canton to confer with Major McKinley probably to-morrow or the day following.

CANTON, O., Feb. 2.—There is highest authority for saying no formal acceptance of the naval portfollo was made last night, or that anything new has been received from ex-Governor Long, of Massachusetts. It has been expected for several weeks Long would be in the cabinet, and probably hold the navy portfollo, but the best information is that no formal announcement has been received, much less made known here. Ex-Governor Long will probably take the naval portfollo, if formally tendered.

probably take the naval portfolio, it for-mally tendered.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Ex-Governor John S. Long said to-day that a dispatch from Canton, published this morning, to the effect that Mr. Long's acceptance of the navy portfolio had been received at Canton, was probably based upon a letter written to Mr. McKiniey some ten days ago, in answer to one received from Major McKiniey.

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Mr. Long said: "At that time he wrote me that he had me in mind for the navy, but added that something might happen to change his mind, though not likely.

"I replied that I therefore took it that the matter was to remain at a standstill, and I should continue to inform the press that it was still under his consideration. Since then," said ex-Governor Long, "no word has passed between us."

POPULIST CONFERENCE

At Parkersburg-Not Much Done but a Call for Another "Talk," Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 9.—A number of leading Populists of the state met here in conference to-day. The object of the meeting was, briefly to consider three things: First, the re-organization of the state executive

committee.
Second, to organize a stock company to take charge of the party organ, the Silver Tribune.
Third, to consider the establishment

of a farmer's exchange on the Ohio

plan.

According to Dr. T. M. Stone, the first matter named will not be taken up at this conference. The other two have not been acted upon as yet, but probably will be, as the conference will be in session to-morrow. All that was done was the drafting, by a committee appointed for the purpose, of a call for a larger and more comprehensive state conference to follow this preliminary one.

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Dr. T. M. Stone, Wetzel: John Bren-ning, Hampshire; Hon, Oliver Gorrell, Pleasants; Washington Smith, Wood; H. A. Altizer, Calhoun; Dr. J. W. Shull, Hampshire; G. L. Spence, Wood and several others.
D. W. Atkinson, who has come here from Michigan, with a view to taking the editorship of the Silver Tribune, was present and participated in the conference.

conference.

DEATHBED CONFESSION

Of Dr. Gorrell, of Tyler County-An Exulosion Concealed a Crime. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer, PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 9.— Word has just reached here that Dr.

John B. Gorrell, of Indian creek, ler county, confessed on his death bed to the murder of Alexander Campbell, some eight or ten years ago, Campbell, a most highly esteemed citizen of Pleasants county, and father of a Parkersburger, C. Campbell, was some seventy-eight years old. He had gone on a visit to Dr. Gorrell, a former neighbor, intending while there to collect a small debt due him from the doctor. The Gorrells claimed that coniect a small debt due him from the doctor. The Gorrells claimed that some time after retiring for the night, the part of the house occupted by Mr. Caspibell was blown up by means of some powerful explosive, completely wricking the building and killing him instantly. Strange to say, the family esciped unhurt.

wrecamp instantly. Strange to say, the family escaped unhurt. Suspiction has always pointed to Dr. Gorrell, as knowing more about it this he cared to divulge. Detectives were called in, but they falled to find anything that would even justify his arrest. So there the matter rested until the hour of death, when he makes a full confession.

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He said he became angry at the old gentleman for dunning him, and killed him with a club, then placed him on a bed, and removing his family to a place of safety, blew up the building to hide the evidence of his own guilt. Dr. Gorrell was born and raised at Hebron on almost adjoining farms to the Campbells. He served in the late aur as a member of Company K., Third West Virginia Infantry.

Camden's New Hotel Opened.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WESTON, W. Va., Feb. 9 -The ning of the new Camden hotel with a the event of the season, nearly one hundred couples participating. The H-tumination was beautiful. Grafton Clarksburg and Buckhannon society was represented.

RINGING noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing, rearing, caused by catarrh, all disappear with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

SILVER SLUGGERS

Use "Knockers" in a Fair Fight for Points.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP

For the District of Columbia Has Bees Held Up by the Populist-Nilver-Anarch istic Gang in the Senate-The Action Shows of What Mean Meal the Corn Huska are Fed. The House Passes Two Pension Bills Over the President's Veto Other Washington News of Interest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8,-The fight of the silver forces on President Cleveland's nominee for United States district attorney for the District of Columbia, sas been successful so far. The judiciary committee adjourned from to agree upon a resolution either for or against the appointee, and, as a mean of preventing a protracted tie-up of the courts a resolution was put upon its passage to authorize a temporary

its passage to authorize a temporary appointment.

Meanwhile the United States business of the courts is aecumulating, and neither the outgoing nor incoming attorney can dispose of any part of it. Prisoners charged with offenses on the United States side of the police court are given the alternative of bail or jail, pending the decision of the issue in the senate.

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Many of the accused may be innocent of the charge against them, but that can not be determined until the Jacksonians and the Bryanites have administered punishment to a Gold Democrating Democratic party.

TWO MORE VETOES

Were Vitlated by the House Disagreeing With the President. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. v.-ine

enate went into executive session at 12:30 p. m. to-day on motion of Senator 12:30 p. m. to-day on motion of Senator Sherman, chairman of the committee on foreign relations. While the main purpose of the session was to consider the Anglo-American treaty, the early part of it was devated to nominations on the regular calendar.

The question of the publicity that was given to yesterday's proceedings in executive session formed the first subject taken by in connection with the treaty

given to resistant formed the first successful taken up in connection with the treaty and there was sharp debate on this point. The question was brought up by point. West

nator Vest.

Then the preliminaries had been diswhen the preliminaries had been dis-posed of Senator Morgan resumed his speech, which he had begun yesterday in opposition to the treaty. He was followed by Mr. Stewart, who also takees strong grounds against ratificatakees strong grounds against ratifica-tion of the treaty in its present form, intimating opposition to it in any form.

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The house agreed to the final conference report on the immigration bil by an overwhelming majority (217 to 23) and passed two more pension bills over the President's veto. The modifications of the immigration bill contained in the conference report by which an intending immigrant was required to be able to read and write "the English or another language" and which permitted the Illiferate wife and minor children to accompany an eligible immigrant, removed the main opposition to the bill. Mr. Bartholdt (Rep., Mc.) and Mr. McCall (Rep., Mass.) both spoke in favor of the bill as modified. The benenciaries of the pension bills passed over the veto were both of the class known as "remarried widows." Mr. Cieveland has disproved a number of these bills, but he has also allowed several to become laws without his signature.

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the bill to pension Rachael Patton, the widow of John H. Patton, of the Sev-enth Illinois, which was vetoed by the President, and moved that it be passed

President, and moved that it be passed over the veto.

Mr. Wood spoke in favor of his motion and Mr. Erdman (Dem., Pa.) against it. Mr. Cummings (Dem., N. Y.,) in concluding a speech in favor of passing the bill over the veto said amid a round of applause: "I know not how other men feel about it, but as for me, I prefer to stand by the precedent made by Andrew Jackson than to follow the one sought to be made by Grover Cleveland."

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Mr. Sulloway (Rep., N. H.,) called up a bill to pension another "re-married widow," Mrs. Caroline D. Mowatt, as the widow of Major Albert B. Soule, of the Twenty-third Maine Volunteers, which was also veteed by the President on the same grounds as the former bill.

Mr. Grow (Rep., Pa.,) submitted some remarks defending the policy of restoring "deserving "re-married widows" to the pension roils, after which by a vote of 143 to 55, the bill was passed over the veto.

Will Leave it to McKinley,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The amendments made by the senate to the extradition treaties between the United States and the Orange Free state and States and the Orange Free state and the Argentine Republic, are not acceptable to the President. He has insisted strenuously that a fugitive from justice should not be enabled to secure immunity from arrest and punishment by sheltering himself in the country of which he was a citizen, which might be the cause under the operation of the senate amendments, even though the surrender of the fugitive is left discretionary with the sovernment called upon. It is not probable, however, that the President will go to the length of abandoning the treaties entirely, but he will allow them to remain in their present status, leaving it to the inceming administration to pass judgment upon them and either prociaim or reject them at his pleasure.

Scovel's Arrest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.-Connul General Lee, at Havana, has cabled the state department some details of the est of Sylvester Scovel, the corres-dent in Cuba. He says that Scove arrest of Sylvester Scovel, the correspondent in Cuba. He says that Scovel was arrested on the train between Tunias and Sancta Spiritus and brought to the latter place, where he is at present. Acting Captain General Ahumada, who gave this information to the consul general, indicated that the prisoner probabily would be tried at Sancta Spiritus, although General Lee was endeavoring to have the case transferred to Havana, where he would have better opportunity to watch its progress.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 3.—Her cules Scott, of Princeton, has beer granted a patent for measuring instruments.

West Virginia Personals.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9,—General J. W. St. Clair, of Fayette county,

daughter. The gentleman is obliged to use crutches to aid locomotion. He says he is willing to make affidavit that the cause of disability does not date back to November 3, and claims that he hurt himself while making his escape from a burning hotel somewhere or other.

Hon. C. P. Dorr, congressman from the Third West Virginia district after March 4, will be at the National hotel. Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Reay, of Monongalla, are also guests at the National.

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS.

They Call on Congress for Special Duties on Merino Wool.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.-The Nation al Wool Growers Association met here to-day with thirty-six members present representing practically all the wool growing states and territories.

A resolution was adopted calling or Congress for such a protective tariff of merino wood as will give the growers eas of the Missouri twenty cents per pound farm value, for unwashed merino, and of the Missourt twenty centa per pound, farm value, for unwashed merino, and twenty-five cents, farm value, for washed. For sections west of the Missouri river sixteen cents is demanded, farm value, for unwashed. A committee of seven was appointed, with President Lawrence as chairman, to confer with representatives of the national association of wool manufacturers and with representatives of the manufacturers club of Philadelphia, with a view to an agreement as to the pending wool and woolen tariff schedule, with a reservation, however, to the effect that the growers would not agree to any proposition not in full accord with their views.

It is probable that the conference will be held here to-morrow. It is not yet decided whether the growers will appear before the ways and means committee of the house. If not a written argument will be filed with the committee.

McEldownry Confirmed. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Th senate has confirmed the following nom inations of postmasters: West Vir-ginia, J. C. McEldowney, at New Mar tinsville; Pennsylvania, H. Miller, a Mt. Joy.

THE BIG FIGHT

In the Legislature Begins To-day on the

New County.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 8.—The opposition to the Augusta county prolect received considerable reinforcem ject received considerable reinforcements to-night in the coming of John W4 Ma-son, of Marion, and Messrs. Sturgies, Cox and Glusscock, of Monongalla. The Munongalians represent intense feeling on the subject in their county. They say that they are here to fight to the death. To-morrow the matter comes up in each house as a special order, and each side claims a victory.

The board of regents of the University met here to-day, to promote the discipline and good order of the institution. The board placed in the hands of the president of the university, the commandant of cadets and the dean of the agricultural college all matters relating to the discipline of the institution, except that no student may be suspended or dismissed without the approval of the president of the university. The board will sit again to-morrow.

There was a very animated discussion of the military bill in the house to-day. The officers of the guard declare that they will resign unless the bill, or something as good, be passed. As it is the national guard of West Virginia is practically kept alive by the officers.

Charles Grosscup, of the governor Charles Grosscup, of the governor inaugural committee, has received en couraging reports from forty-one of th fixy-five counties. These counties peet to be represented here at the inau guration, some of them by large delegations. Charleston promises to take goo care of all comers, and I think she car and will do it.

C. B. H.

ONE ROBBER SHOT DEAD

By an Express Messenger, While the Other One Escapes. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 9.—A dis-

patch has just been received to the effect that at 10:15 the west bound Sante Fe train due at Los Angeles at 10:30 p. m., was held up and robbed by two masked men near Nelson, a small station about six miles east of Peach Springs, Ariz. One of the robbers was killed by the

one of the robbers was killed by the express messenger.

The train robbers stopped the train by signal, and as the engineer stepped out of the cab to ascertain the cause of the trouble, an armed man commanded him to cut the engine and run ahead a quarter of a mile, which he did. The robbers then turned their attention to the malicar, their command to open the diori being compiled with. One of the robbers entered the car and commenced picking up the loose registered packages. The robber started for the express car then, but Messenger Summers quickly opened the door and with extraordinary coolness shot the robber dead. The other man escaped, taking with him a few registered packages. The dead rubber was taken to Peach Springs, but has not yet been identified.

Shot Dead by His Wife.

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CLEVELAND, Ohlo, Feb. 9 .- George Davies, for many years a prominen commission merchant of this city, was shot dead by his wife this morning, a 9:30, at the residence of the couple, No 11 Grace street. Davies and his wife lived unhappily and the tragedy was lived unhappily and the tragedy was the result of a long series of quarrels. Mrs. Davies was arrested shortly after the shooting on the charge of murder, When taken into custody she wept bit-terly and said her husband had treat-ed her unkindly and had called her

A Short Trial.

LEBANON, Ky., Feb. 9.-William Black arrived here to-day with fifty state troops from Louisville, and was presented in court immediately to an swer for criminal assault on Mrs. J. D swer for criminal assault on Mrs. J. D. Clark. The negro pleaded gullty and was sentenced to seven years in the pententiary, the maximum penalty. The solders took the prisoner to Louisville. The husband was in court, and armed, but he did not get a chance to use his weapon. The trial and conviction lasted just one hour.

Wreeke the Jatt Ollee. CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 9 -A Times

Star special from Frankfort, Ky., says The boller of the county jall explodes at 11 o'clock, utterly wrecking the jal office. Several men who were in the jall were injured, and James Rodgers Cabell Hardin and Lew Hill may die.

For Municring His Daughter, ipectal Dispatch to the Intelligencer, HINTON, W. Va., Feb. 3.—W. K. Robbins was given eighteen years in the state penitentiary to-day, by Judge MakVhor-ter, for the murder of his daugher, at the stock yards last summer. RHEUMATISM is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

To the Lowest Price Ever Known in This Country.

DOWN THEY GO!

The Collapse of the Steel Rail

BRINGS PRICE OF RAILS DOWN

SENSATIONAL' BREAK OF EIGHT

Dollars a Ton Within Twenty-fou-Hours the Result of a Secret Meeting Held in Pittsburgh on Monday-Rail road Companies Had an Inkling of the Drop-The Effect is a General Cut in Prices of Steel Rails in All Companies.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.-Steel rails are being sold at the lowest price ever known in America.

The steel rail pool has collapsed and \$18 a ton was asked for rails in Chicago to-day, and in Pittsburgh the

rate was \$15 25 a ton.

Monday the price in Chicago was \$26 and in Pittsburgh it was \$25. The sensational break of \$8 a ton within twenty-four hours is the result of a secret meeting of the rail pool held in Pittsburgh Monday. All the members were present. No agreement could be reached and President J. W. Gates, of the Illinois Steel Company, hastily re turned to Chicago and called a meet-ing of the directors of that company

turned to Chicago and called a meeting of the directors of that company. As a result of their deliberations, he notified H. C. Frick, chairman of the Carnegie Steel Company was unable to come to a conclusion, and had postponed action until after the annual election of officers to be held to-morrow. Two hours after the message reached Pittsburgh the prices quoted were being asked in Chicago.

Rallroad operatives undoubtedly have had an inking of the collapse of the sigantic pool as with a single exception one of them had placed any orders for rails, despite the \$2 a ton reduction made by the pool at the opening of the year.

In the irade the dissolution of the pool is taken to mean that Carnegie & Company, in this way make it known that they can sell rails cheaper than anybody else and that they will not henceforth be hampered by an agreement which is to their disadvantage.

The sievel rail pool was the longest lived and most successful trade organization ever formed in this country. The organization included only the mills making standard sections and not those rolling street car and lighter rails, and presumably heavy forfeits were on deposit to prevent violations of agreement. The basis of prices which the pool maintained for many years was \$28 a ton at Pittsburgh and \$25 at Chicago.

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years was \$28 a ton at Pittsburgh and \$29 at Chicago.

H. H. Porter, chairman of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Co., and a former director of the Illinois Steel Company, said to-night that he heard of the break-up of the pool and presumed that if meant a general cut in prices of steel rails.

John W. Gates, president of the Illinois Steel Company, refused to admit that there was any trouble in the pool or to announce the policy of his company, if such was the fact.

RAIL POOL DISSOLVED

Because of Dissensions-Increase of Production Now Probable.
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 9.—The rail poor

was dissolved yesterday in New York, because of dissensions among the eastern members, some of whom claimed that a few of the manufacturers were offering rails below legitimata figures. have been sold in the east as low as \$20

have been sold in the east as low as so per ton at the works, and the western mills will be obliged to reduce their price to nearly the same figure. The Carnegie people have been seen and confirm the story of dissolution of the Association of Rail Makers. It is stated that prices of rails at Pittsburgh will now range between \$20 and \$21, and from \$21 to \$22 west. In December last rail makers reduced the price from \$28 to \$25, and the contin-

In December last rail makers reduced the price from \$28 to \$25, and the contin-ued decline of the prices of raw material enables the manufacturers to now make further reduction. It is probable that a greatly increased production this year will result from the action of the manuwill result from the uction of the country facturers, as the railroads of the country will likely avail themselves of the low rates to renew trackage with new rails. This will mean a general improvement in the iron trade, giving emplo large force of men now idle.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.

Same of the Awful Effects Described by Correspondent.

(Copyright, 1897, by the Associated Press JUBBULPOOR, Feb. 9 .- On his way to this city, the special representative the Associated Press, who is examining into the famine situation in India, visit ed the poor houses of Bilaspur and Katni, the inmates were found to be in a deplorable condition, the buildings were overcrowded and medical attend-

ance was lacking.

A man outside of one of them ance was lacking.

A man outside of one of them was dead and another was dying. A girl of five years of age weighed only ten pounds, and several adults were under fity-six pounds. The skin in all cases was drawn over the face, showing the outline of the skulis, and the limbs and Joints had the appearance of those of articulated skeletons. There is an immense migration to the Assan Tea Gardens, 1,600 persons going there weekly, deserting their wives and families.

Jubbulpoor is the worst of any part of Central India. It is estimated that the present famine is the greatest of the centry, and will greatly surpass that of 1876, both area and severity. The famine belt extends 1,200 miles long and 400 miles wide. This is apart from the scattered districts.

In all the rice districts there is no chance of a food supply until September. Whole villages are descreted. The government is now alive to the famine and strenuous efforts are made to avert horrible disaster.

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The correspondent has just heard that he Kural poor houses in the western part of the district have been burned, separated to have brished. Cholera is reported to have broken out in the dandald district relief works.

Held Up Two Citizens.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 3.-Three masked men held up two eltisen in the central part of the city late to night Officer Alex McClaskey gave chase and was fatally shot. A posse is in pursuit, heavily armed. The sherift and many men from here joined in the

WORK OF FIRE BUGS.

Incendiaries Set Fire to the House of Ex-County Jatler Weisgseber on the S Side-Hupposed to be a Case of Spite Work.

Fire bugs were at work last night, and their dastardly attempt to burn the house of ex-County Jallor, George Weisgerber, on South Eoff street, was happily foiled by a belated pedestrian, who noticed a slight blaze at the side door, and immediately notified Officer Devinney, who rang the slarm from box 53. This happened a few minutes before midnight, and all the steamers of the fire department south of the creek were soon on the spot. They were not needed, however, as the fire was soon put out with a few buckets

was soon put out with a few buckets of water.

The firebugs went about the thing deliberately. They bored holes in the back and side doors of the house, then peured kerosene in the holes. They set a match to the side door, which was about the only thing damaged by the fire. The incendiaries are supposed to bear a grudge asainst Mr. Weisgerber and may have been prisoners under him at the county fall and took this method of wreaking out their spite. There is no clue to their identity, but if caught, they will have a very serious offense to answer for.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Stockholders of the Carroll Club

Held Last Night.

The annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Carroll club took place last night at the club's handsome quarters on Chapline street. Over hundred members were present. Dr. A. Wingerter, the president, occupied the chair. The meeting was very enthusiastic and the report of the board

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of directors was very encouraging.
Several unimportant changes were
made in the constitution, and reports
were read from the board of directors,
the secretary and the treasurer. The
old board of directors was re-elected,
and after the meeting organized, by reelecting the following old officers:
President—Dr. C. A. Wingerter.
Vice President—George J. Mathison.
Secretary—E. J. McGowan.
Treasurer—Seaton Alexander,
The board had under consideration,
plans for the formal opening of the
club house, and the date was changed
from the 18th to the 22nd inst, Washington's birthday. This occasion will
be made a notable one. A musical and
dramatic programme will be rendered
in the early part of the evening, after
which a promenade concert will follow,
this in turn giving way to dancing.
The ladies will serve a suitable refection during the evening.

THAT FAKE STORY.

Father McCafferey Promises to Make a Statement-Particulars of the Case. In yesterday's Intelligencer, particulars were given of a remarkable at-tempt to palm off a fake story which was telephoned from Martin's Ferry by a man who gave his name as Father

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Yesterday afternoon the following was received from Alliance, Ohio:
ALLIANCE, Ohio, Feb. 9.—No such persons as Walter Squareman and Peter Parugia are known in Alliance.
EDITOR "REVIEW."
When Father McCaffery, who is incharge of the Catholle parish of Martin's Ferry, was asked to explain the remarkable story that was sent out by someone using his name, he declined to make a statement at the time, but said he would have something to say later. Father Mattlingly, rector of the Martin's Ferry parish, is in the east sick, and Father McCaffery, who comes from Columbus, is acting in his stead.

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John Gibson, a tool dresser from the Taylorstown oil fields, had a very high stage on at 2 o clock this morning, and getting incensed at being thrown out of Gavin's saloon, picked up a stone to crash it through his windows. Lieut. Supler arrived just in time to catch his arm, which he put in his, and marched him off to the police station.

Amalgamated Metal Workers,

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 9.—All the delegates were present when the national convention of the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers convened to-day in its second day's session. The trouble between the independent and the affillated unions of New York City is still under consideration, and with it is the proposition for the councils of bulld-ing trades to withdraw from the Amer-

A Pounlist Prayer Woman

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 9,-Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell, of Idaho Falls, president of the Idaho Woman's Christian Temperanes Union, has been elected chaplain of the tate legislature, an unusual honor a woman. She was largely instrument in securing woman suffrage for Idah

Steamer Wrecked.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 9.-The steamer Angloman, Captain Lewis, from Boston, on January 30, is ashore off the Skerrles She has two tugs in attendance, and two life boats are going to her assistance. A dense fog prevails. The Angloman will probably be a total loss. All the mem-bers of the crew have been saved.

If She Gets There.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The United States buttleship Texas sailed to-day for Galveston, where she will be pre-sented with a silver service in the name of the clitzens of Texas.

Steamship Movements. NAPLES-Olympia, New York: ROSTON-Cephaloria, Liverpool. NEW YORK-Pennsylvania, fast.

Weather Forerast for To-day For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, generally cloudy weather; probably local snows Wednesday or Wednesday night; winds shifting to east-

Local Temperature.

DIED.

KNOKE-On Tuesday, February 3, 1897, at 41 p. m., FREDRICKA, wife of August Knoke, aged 62 years. Funeral Friday, February 12, at 2 p. m.,

from her late residence, No. 4904 Eorr street. Interment at Red Mon's cemetery. Friends of family in-